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SUBJ: DUTCH COURT BANS RACIST POLITICAL PARTY

1. AN AMSTERDAM COURT HAS BANNED A POLITICAL PARTY. IN AN UNUSUAL MOVE, THE SMALL RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST NETHERLANDS PEOPLE'S UNION (NVU) WAS FORBIDDEN TO TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS OR TO CARRY ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF ANY KIND. THE COURT SAID NVU'S ACTIVITIES WERE DANGEROUS, BORDERING ON THE CRIMINAL AND IN CONFLICT WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED STANDARDS OF PUBLIC ORDER AND MORALITY.

2. LAST YEAR NVU LEADER JOOP GLIMMERVEEN CAMPAIGNED FOR A "PROSPEROUS AND WHITE HOLLAND." THE NVU PLATFORM CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE RETURN OF SURINAM AND ANTILLEAN PEOPLE TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND A GRADUAL EXODUS OF FOREIGN WORKERS. THE NVU, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN WIDELY RAGARDED AS RACIST BY A DUTCH ELECTORATE WHICH DEMONSTRATED ITS DISTASTE BY GIVING IT ONLY 33,000 VOTES IN MAY 1977, NOT ENOUGH TO WIN A SEAT IN PARLIAMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE DUTCH, KNOWN FOR THEIR LIBERAL ACCEPTANCE OF
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DIFFERING POLITICAL VIEWS AND FOR THEIR NUMEROUS SMALL POLITICAL PARTIES, APPARENTLY REACHED THEIR LIMITS OF POLITICAL TOLERATION. SINCE 1894, ONLY THREE OTHER POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN BANNED: THE SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC UNION IN 1894, THE FASCIST NATIONAL-SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN 1945 AND HE NATIONAL-EUROPEAN SOCIAL MOVEMENT IN 1953. TO THE PUBLIC, THE RACIST NVU IS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED WITH WORLD WAR II GERMANY FASCISTS AND WITH

NATIONAL SOCIALSIT PARTIES IN FRG AND UK. THE COURT DECISION

HAS MET WIDE PUBLIC APPROVAL.

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